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Missouri Area Labor Trends

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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment fell seasonally in March, and employment resumed its pattern of increases following two months of unusual behavior in the labor force data.

Joblessness dropped sharply between February and March. The unemployment rate fell seven-tenths of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. Only one month since 1979 has been as low as the current rate, and none has been lower. The other 5.4 percent rate was reported in September 1985; September is a seasonally-lower month than March. The number unemployed decreased by 17,300 to 137,300 in March. Unemployment has fallen sharply since the end of the year, after having edged up during 1987. The current rate is 1.4 percentage points below the March 1987 rate; unemployment has dropped by 36,000 during the 12-month period.

Total employment was up by 36,300 from February and 19,100 from March 1987. This marks a return to a more normal pattern of employment change and one that is more consistent with behavior of establishment employment data. That data series had continued to show both over-the-month and over-the-year employment growth while total employment estimates were showing declines.

Total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 27,200 jobs between February and March. This increase was mostly seasonal in nature, with the larger gains occurring in services (11,100), construction (4,300), retail trade (3,500), and state and local government (3,700). Manufacturing employment was up by 1000 jobs between February and March, mostly due to small increases spread through a number of industries.

The March total of 2,200,000 jobs was 46,000 above the year-earlier level. Most of the increases was in services (18,800 jobs), retail trade (10,800 jobs) and state and local government (6,800 jobs), but manufacturing employment has begun to show increases as well. Over-the-year manufacturing growth totaled 3100 jobs, despite a decline of 5900 in motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing. Most industries experienced growth, with the larger gains occurring in textile and apparel manufacturing (1000 jobs); printing and publishing (900); leather and leather products (800); electrical and electronic equipment (800); chemicals (700); and furniture and fixtures (500).

Although total employment data has returned to some degree of normalcy, the labor force is still showing unusual behavior. Over the past year, unemployment has dropped

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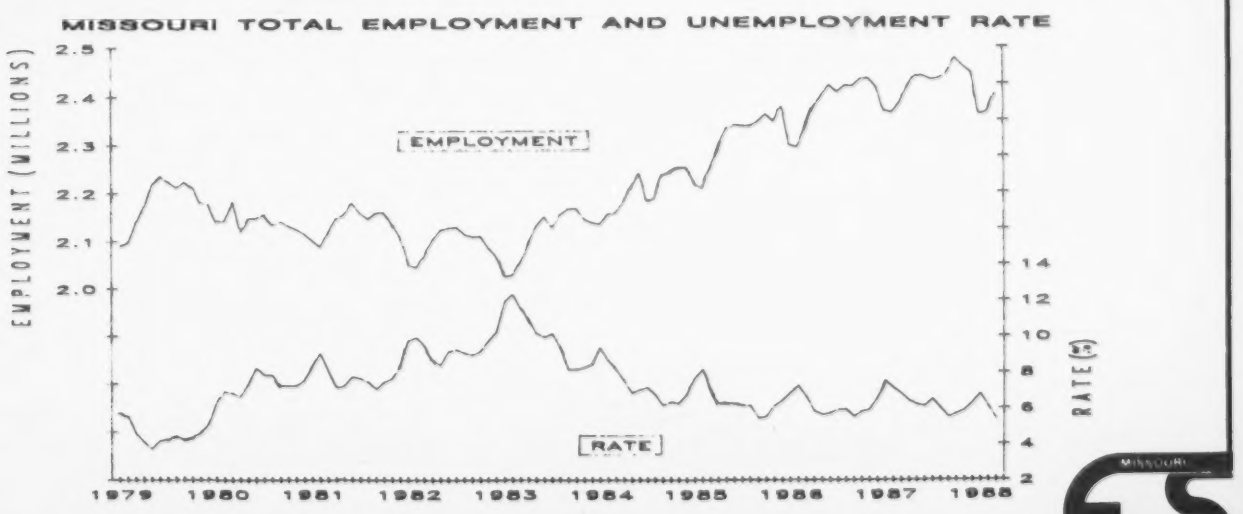

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - MAR 1988 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - FEB 1988 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - MAR 1987 (BENCHMARKED 1987)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	119957	112867	7090	5.9	119942	112460	7482	6.2	118353	110229	8124	6.9
STATEWIDE	2541157	2403872	137285	5.4	2522132	2367572	154560	6.1	2558083	2384807	173276	6.8
ST. LOUIS MSA	1251748	1173567	78181	6.2	1249095	1163130	85965	6.9	1257628	1164548	93080	7.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	833357	793682	39675	4.8	827523	783065	44458	5.4	831591	785922	45669	5.5
SPRINGFIELD MSA	122753	117948	4805	3.9	121910	116392	5518	4.5	119975	113947	6028	5.0
COLUMBIA MSA	65279	63443	1836	2.8	64865	62861	2004	3.1	64732	62459	2273	3.5
JOPLIN MSA	68923	65694	3229	4.7	67885	64539	3346	4.9	68473	64470	4003	5.8
ST. JOSEPH MSA	40481	38088	2393	5.9	40374	37789	2585	6.4	40854	37433	3421	8.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13248	12576	672	5.1	13120	12414	706	5.4	13428	12563	865	6.4
ANDREW	6683	6323	360	5.4	6569	6130	439	6.7	7026	6507	519	7.4
ATCHISON	3081	2985	96	3.1	3036	2896	140	4.6	3127	3006	121	3.9
AUDRAIN	10257	9769	488	4.8	10103	9552	551	5.5	10777	9945	832	7.7
BARRY	11658	11053	605	5.2	11436	10771	665	5.8	11837	11078	759	6.4
BARTON	5580	5392	188	3.4	5447	5232	215	3.9	5257	5065	192	3.7
BATES	6194	5692	502	8.1	6234	5642	592	9.5	6561	5999	562	8.6
BENTON	4934	4507	427	8.7	4956	4372	584	11.8	5243	4684	559	10.7
BOLLINGER	3302	2939	363	11.0	3309	2840	469	14.2	3263	2924	339	10.4
BUTLER	16217	14766	1451	8.9	16179	14621	1558	9.6	16591	14872	1719	10.4
CALDWELL	2936	2755	181	6.2	2912	2694	218	7.5	3183	2976	207	6.5
CALLAWAY	14886	14139	747	5.0	14768	13825	943	6.4	13713	12790	923	6.7
CAMDEN	14084	13135	949	6.7	13254	11987	1267	9.6	13789	12651	1138	8.3
CAPE GIRARDEAU	35840	34424	1416	4.0	35694	33884	1810	5.1	34307	32787	1520	4.4
CARROLL	4751	4243	508	10.7	4769	4151	618	13.0	4718	4430	288	6.1
CARTER	2029	1814	215	10.6	1975	1738	237	12.0	2074	1785	289	13.9
CEDAR	4341	4067	274	6.3	4337	3999	338	7.8	4662	4387	275	5.9
CHARITON	4103	3934	169	4.1	4046	3841	205	5.1	4346	4133	213	4.9
CLARK	3490	3309	181	5.2	3468	3248	220	6.3	3668	3385	283	7.7
CLINTON	6391	6014	377	5.9	6458	5952	506	7.8	6746	6258	488	7.2
COLE/OSAGE LMA	39268	37654	1614	4.1	38857	36907	1950	5.0	39308	37427	1881	4.8
COOPER	6181	5846	335	5.4	6217	5765	452	7.3	6501	6026	475	7.3
CRAWFORD	8590	7974	616	7.2	8228	7508	720	8.8	8600	7852	748	8.7
DADE	2655	2526	129	4.9	2639	2476	163	6.2	2837	2682	155	5.5
DALLAS	3459	3123	336	9.7	3445	3066	379	11.0	3666	3335	331	9.0
DAVIESS	3666	3471	195	5.3	3590	3343	247	6.9	3621	3427	194	5.4
DEKALB	3569	3395	174	4.9	3522	3294	228	6.5	3519	3276	243	6.9
DENT	6443	6038	405	6.3	6172	5664	508	8.2	6239	5619	620	9.9
DOUGLAS	4726	4308	418	8.8	4668	4233	435	9.3	4849	4440	409	8.4
DUNKLIN	12088	11133	955	7.9	11908	10898	1010	8.5	13023	11743	1280	9.8
GASCONADE	7216	6798	418	5.8	7114	6602	512	7.2	7151	6663	488	6.8
GENTRY	2772	2629	143	5.2	2734	2574	160	5.9	2973	2695	278	9.4
GRUNDY	5259	4914	345	6.6	5130	4845	285	5.6	5137	4813	324	6.3
HARRISON	4149	3900	249	6.0	4061	3787	274	6.7	4335	4055	280	6.5
HENRY	7245	6678	567	7.8	7292	6594	698	9.6	7887	7121	766	9.7
HICKORY	2636	2436	200	7.6	2558	2334	224	8.8	2460	2288	172	7.0
HOLT	2217	2093	124	5.6	2260	2066	194	8.6	2358	2207	151	6.4
HOWARD	4559	4348	211	4.6	4436	4178	258	5.8	4700	4435	265	5.6
HOWELL	13044	12265	779	6.0	12919	11973	946	7.3	13137	11891	1246	9.5
IRON	2306	2004	302	13.1	2351	1999	352	15.0	2681	2251	430	16.0
JOHNSON	18945	18174	771	4.1	18673	17868	805	4.3	18170	17292	878	4.8
KNOX	1848	1698	150	8.1	1810	1657	153	8.5	1966	1840	126	6.4
LACLEDE	13073	12374	699	5.3	12736	11938	798	6.3	12741	11854	887	7.0
LAWRENCE	13149	12369	780	5.9	12942	12176	766	5.9	13813	12824	989	7.2
LEWIS	4623	4315	308	6.7	4531	4217	314	6.9	4961	4438	523	10.5

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LINCOLN	11782	10786	996	8.5	11751	10575	1176	10.0	11147	10298	849	7.6
LINN	6583	6234	349	5.3	6491	6080	411	6.3	6608	6153	455	6.9
LIVINGSTON	6502	6162	340	5.2	6391	5993	398	6.2	6612	6177	435	6.6
MACON	7588	7145	443	5.8	7556	7088	468	6.2	8020	7365	655	8.2
MADISON	4669	4346	323	6.9	4632	4271	361	7.8	4318	3962	356	8.2
MARIES	3406	3140	266	7.8	3399	3107	292	8.6	3726	3377	349	9.4
MARION/RALLS LMA	17266	16290	976	5.7	17169	16025	1144	6.7	17654	15995	1659	9.4
MCDONALD	7307	7007	300	4.1	7090	6779	311	4.4	7075	6589	486	6.9
MERCER	1511	1399	112	7.4	1492	1386	106	7.1	1549	1423	126	8.1
MILLER	8318	7411	907	10.9	8489	7225	1264	14.9	9064	7818	1246	13.7
MISSISSIPPI	6205	5727	478	7.7	6162	5601	561	9.1	6460	5828	632	9.8
MONITEAU	5824	5506	318	5.5	5808	5344	464	8.0	5711	5296	415	7.3
MONROE	4796	4519	277	5.8	4796	4459	337	7.0	4789	4518	271	5.7
MONTGOMERY	4881	4532	349	7.2	4791	4407	384	8.0	4833	4509	324	6.7
MORGAN	6799	6355	444	6.5	6564	5995	569	8.7	6969	6286	683	9.8
NEW MADRID	8936	8264	672	7.5	8784	8066	718	8.2	9472	8633	839	8.9
NODAWAY	10260	9959	301	2.9	10179	9807	372	3.7	10470	10095	375	3.6
OREGON	3834	3561	273	7.1	3839	3489	350	9.1	3808	3469	339	8.9
OZARK	3221	2919	302	9.4	3169	2809	360	11.4	3333	2977	356	10.7
PEMISCOT	8410	7808	602	7.2	8266	7648	618	7.5	8798	7949	849	9.6
PERRY	7714	7281	433	5.6	7837	7028	809	10.3	7715	7244	471	6.1
PETTIS	16999	15998	1001	5.9	16901	15673	1228	7.3	17411	16266	1145	6.6
PHELPS	16844	16055	789	4.7	16740	15783	957	5.7	16696	15713	983	5.9
PIKE	6899	6353	546	7.9	6737	6131	606	9.0	7238	6583	655	9.0
POLK	9404	8950	454	4.8	9169	8671	498	5.4	9246	8766	480	5.2
PULASKI	12501	11816	685	5.5	12305	11559	746	6.1	11976	11243	733	6.1
PUTNAM	2087	1966	121	5.8	2052	1954	98	4.8	2262	2103	159	7.0
RANDOLPH	11639	10933	706	6.1	11627	10814	813	7.0	11956	11147	809	6.8
REYNOLDS	1667	1397	270	16.2	1621	1346	275	17.0	1866	1441	425	22.8
RIPLEY	3919	3556	363	9.3	3881	3511	370	9.5	4014	3452	562	14.0
SALINE	11268	10808	460	4.1	11751	10724	1027	8.7	11527	10915	612	5.3
SCOTLAND	2245	2086	159	7.1	2234	2056	178	8.0	2302	2168	134	5.8
SCOTT	17830	16667	1163	6.5	17668	16485	1183	6.7	17750	16316	1434	8.1
SHANNON	2705	2397	308	11.4	2616	2292	324	12.4	3118	2670	448	14.4
SHELBY	3581	3480	101	2.8	3477	3333	144	4.1	3622	3470	152	4.2
ST. CLAIR	3144	2915	229	7.3	3154	2883	271	8.6	3332	3079	253	7.6
ST. FRANCOIS	20882	19211	1671	8.0	20790	18867	1923	9.2	19640	17854	1786	9.1
STE. GENEVIEVE	6598	6185	413	6.3	6519	6020	499	7.7	6868	6264	604	8.8
STODDARD	11862	10793	1069	9.0	11901	10755	1146	9.6	12333	10944	1389	11.3
STONE	7505	6396	1109	14.8	7427	6066	1361	18.3	7786	6292	1494	19.2
SULLIVAN	3306	3154	152	4.6	3286	3129	157	4.8	3346	3182	164	4.9
TANEY	12733	10918	1815	14.3	12416	10240	2176	17.5	13062	10882	2180	16.7
TEXAS	8795	8172	623	7.1	8823	8050	773	8.8	9048	7986	1062	11.7
VERNON	9158	8768	390	4.3	9063	8621	442	4.9	9077	8574	503	5.5
WARREN	10259	9538	721	7.0	10160	9351	809	8.0	9492	8897	595	6.3
WASHINGTON	5913	4976	937	15.8	6139	5046	1093	17.8	6104	4774	1330	21.8
WAYNE	4524	4134	390	8.6	4630	4183	447	9.7	4590	4034	556	12.1
WEBSTER	9194	8509	685	7.5	9171	8348	823	9.0	9018	8118	900	10.0
WORTH	1144	1062	82	7.2	1137	1047	90	7.9	1162	1083	79	6.8
WRIGHT	6611	6252	359	5.4	6578	6197	381	5.8	6861	6234	627	9.1

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
March, 1988

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2200.0	2172.8	2154.0									
Total Manufacturing	421.0	420.0	417.9	409.46	404.00	401.80	40.5	40.0	40.1	10.11	10.10	10.02
Durable Goods	237.5	236.9	238.0	455.45	447.28	442.80	41.9	41.3	41.0	10.87	10.83	10.80
Lumber & Wood Products	11.0	10.9	10.3	236.62	230.62	264.54	36.8	35.8	39.9	6.43	6.45	6.63
Furniture & Fixtures	11.6	11.6	11.1	317.41	315.53	343.33	41.6	41.3	44.3	7.63	7.64	7.75
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.9	10.5	10.7	468.17	456.64	487.73	42.6	41.4	43.9	10.99	11.03	11.11
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	0.9	1.0	506.97	630.60	531.88	38.7	43.4	38.1	13.10	14.53	13.96
Structural Clay Prod.	1.9	1.9	1.8	506.61	480.24	535.43	43.9	42.2	42.8	11.54	11.38	12.51
Primary Metal Industries	12.9	12.8	12.4	472.51	467.19	454.69	42.8	41.9	41.6	11.04	11.15	10.93
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.7	1.6	1.5	431.57	459.96	411.40	43.2	44.7	42.5	9.99	10.29	9.68
Nonferrous Foundries	3.5	3.5	3.3	349.24	332.42	350.22	43.6	41.5	42.4	8.01	8.01	8.26
Fabricated Metal Products	27.7	27.8	27.2	419.42	420.65	424.56	40.8	40.8	41.3	10.28	10.31	10.28
Structural Metal Prod.	10.6	10.7	10.5	426.05	413.08	405.20	42.1	40.3	40.0	10.12	10.25	10.13
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.2	30.0	29.7	433.24	422.68	407.43	42.6	42.1	40.3	10.17	10.04	10.11
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.7	46.9	45.9	411.68	411.52	383.04	41.5	41.4	39.9	9.92	9.94	9.60
Transportation Equipment	67.7	67.7	72.7	631.75	611.48	586.46	43.3	42.2	41.3	14.59	14.49	14.20
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.7	27.9	33.6	677.09	644.78	610.00	44.9	43.1	41.3	15.08	14.96	14.77
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.6	11.6	11.2	326.83	325.19	320.76	40.6	40.7	39.6	8.05	7.99	8.10
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.2	7.1	6.8	287.96	290.60	249.66	42.1	42.3	38.0	6.84	6.87	6.57
Nondurable Goods	183.5	183.1	179.9	350.62	348.15	347.77	38.7	38.3	38.9	9.06	9.09	8.94
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	45.0	44.0	411.93	410.15	427.61	39.8	39.4	41.8	10.35	10.41	10.23
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.4	13.4	13.2	298.96	280.36	316.30	40.4	38.3	42.4	7.40	7.32	7.46
Dairy Products	5.4	5.4	5.7	445.61	458.56	447.63	39.4	41.2	43.0	11.31	11.13	10.41
Grain Mill Products	7.8	7.7	7.2	426.21	458.55	397.19	41.1	43.3	38.6	10.37	10.59	10.29
Bakery Products	4.8	4.9	5.1	399.96	379.67	409.77	36.0	34.8	39.1	11.11	10.91	10.48
Beverages	9.5	9.4	9.5	720.72	727.38	770.43	39.6	39.9	44.1	18.20	18.23	17.47

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.1	4.2	4.3	353.82	349.07	379.85	37.6	36.9	42.3	9.41	9.46	8.98
Textile & Apparel	24.6	24.4	23.6	200.21	205.77	201.49	34.4	34.7	34.8	5.82	5.93	5.79
Paper & Allied Products	13.2	13.3	13.3	399.10	389.05	414.67	41.4	40.4	42.4	9.64	9.63	9.78
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.2	6.2	6.4	399.75	385.09	437.80	41.0	39.7	44.0	9.75	9.70	9.95
Printing & Publishing	41.4	41.4	40.5	389.26	383.52	386.20	38.2	37.6	37.9	10.19	10.20	10.19
Commercial Printing	13.9	14.0	13.7	460.00	457.07	449.60	40.6	40.2	40.0	11.33	11.37	11.24
Chemicals & Allied	28.5	28.3	27.8	490.14	488.22	462.85	42.0	41.8	41.4	11.67	11.68	11.18
Leather & Leather Products	16.7	16.7	15.9	205.67	202.65	182.36	35.4	35.0	33.4	5.81	5.79	5.46
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.9	13.0	12.6	190.85	186.59	172.59	34.7	34.3	33.0	5.50	5.44	5.23
Total Nonmanufacturing	1779.0	1752.8	1736.1									
Mining	5.4	4.9	5.4									
Construction	94.0	89.7	92.4									
Transportation & Public Util.	142.0	141.3	140.3									
Railroad Transportation	9.4	9.4	9.8									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	76.7	76.1	75.4									
Communications	55.9	55.8	55.1									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	535.6	531.2	522.5									
Wholesale Trade	137.0	136.1	134.7									
Retail Trade	398.6	395.1	387.8									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	134.6	133.6	133.0									
Services	511.0	499.9	492.2									
Government	356.4	352.2	350.3									
Federal Government	71.0	70.5	71.7									
State & Local Government	0	0	0									

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much more sharply (down by 36,000) than employment has increased (19,100), resulting in a drop of 16,900 in the labor force.

The factory workweek climbed to 40.5 hours in March after dropping to 40.0 hours in February. The increase forced average weekly earnings up by $5.46 to $409.46. Hourly earnings averaged $10.11, about the same as in February.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Economic growth slowed substantially in the first quarter of 1988. Real gross national product (the nation's production of goods and services adjusted for inflation) is estimated to have increased at a 2.3 percent rate in the January-March period, compared to a 4.8 percent rate in the final quarter of 1987. Much of the fourth quarter growth had come from inventory building; many analysts expected a slowdown in the first quarter in response to high inventories. Inventory building, especially of dealers' stocks of automobiles, did slow in the first quarter. Consumer spending and business investment accelerated in the latest quarter, however.

National unemployment continued to drift downward in March. The decrease in the seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was only a tenth of a point in March (dropping to 5.6 percent), but the rate has dropped four-tenths of point since October and nine-tenths of a point since March 1987. The not-seasonally-adjusted rate (the one most comparable to Missouri's rate) was 5.9 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment continued to increase in March. There were about 260,000 more jobs in March than in February, with the largest growth occurring in services and construction. Both total civilian employment and the labor force decreased in March, on a seasonally adjusted basis, returning to or falling below the corresponding January levels.

Over the past year, nonfarm payroll employment has grown by 3.3 million jobs, while total civilian employment is up by 2.6 million.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators rebounded in February and March following drops in November and January. Many analysts believe the pattern of the index increased 1.3 percent in February and 0.8 percent in March for a strong two-month showing. The latest data revised the size of the February increase upward and the January increase downward.

Further seasonal improvements in employment and unemployment are the norm in Missouri in April. Whether the recent sharp drops in the state's unemployment are temporary or part of a more significant trend is not yet known. The reported planned resumption of a second shift at an automobile plant in the St. Louis area in the fall should more than offset (at the statewide level) the employment declines resulting from a scheduled plant closing in Kansas City. The two metropolitan areas will experience opposite economic effects, of course.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments
Missouri — March, 1988

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,541,200	2,522,200	2,558,100	19,000	-16,900
Total Employment	2,403,900	2,367,600	2,384,800	36,300	19,100
Total Unemployment	137,300	154,600	173,300	-17,300	-36,000
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.4	6.1	6.8	-0.7	-1.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,200,000	2,172,800	2,154,000	27,200	46,000
Manufacturing	421,000	420,000	417,900	1,000	3,100
Durable Goods	237,500	236,900	238,000	600	-500
Nondurable Goods	183,500	183,100	179,900	400	3,600
Nonmanufacturing	1,779,000	1,752,800	1,736,100	26,200	42,900
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	6,848	8,368	6,663	-1,520	185
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	55,917	62,658	55,634	-6,741	283
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.3	3.2	2.8	-0.9	-0.5
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,729	4,122	3,762	-393	-33
Amount of Benefits Paid	$26,237,276	$26,685,879	$23,990,119	-$448,603	$2,247,157
State U.I.	25,863,076	26,346,026	23,642,662	-482,950	2,220,414
UCFE	211,639	195,068	165,062	16,571	46,577
UCX	162,561	144,785	182,395	17,776	-19,834

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1988

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The Kansas City Area's unemployment rate in March 1988 fell again for the third consecutive month this year. At 4.8 percent of the labor force the Area's unemployment rate was six tenths of a percentage point below the February 1988 rate and seven tenths of a percentage point below last year's March 1987 rate. The rate represents the lowest March rate the Area has experienced since March 1979. Normally in March the Area has a large surge in the number of persons in the labor force accompanied by a larger increase in the numbers of unemployed. This March however in contrast, the Area's labor force grew by almost 6,000 while the number of jobless workers declined by 4,800, resulting in an overall increase in the number of civilian employed of 10,600. The number of persons in the civilian labor force reached 833,400, topping the previous year's March record breaking high by 1,800. Civilian employment also surpassed last year's all time high for the month of March by 7,800. In fact, civilian employment numbers for the first three months of the year have all topped those levels reached during this same period in all other years. In addition to these record breaking employment levels, the Area's unemployment numbers dropped to 39,700 the lowest since December 1986. The relatively strong performance of the labor market can be partly attributed to the relatively stable employment levels in the Manufacturing sector coupled with moderate to strong growth experienced in almost every major industry group in the Nonmanufacturing sector. Top gainers over-the-month were primarily the seasonal components of the Construction, Services, Retail Trade and State and Local Government industries.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 734,200 in March 1988, up by 5,300 jobs from the February 1988 total of 728,900. As indicated previously, seasonal factors played a key role in the strong performance in the Nonmanufacturing sector. After falling to a 12-month low of 34,100 in January and February, Construction employment rose by 1,100 over-the-month, primarily as a result of increases in employment in nonbuilding and special trade contracting. The Services industry also added 1,100 jobs over-the-month, scattered across agriculture, business and health services. After peaking at 170,900 in October 1987 and reaching a 12-month low in January 1988, the Services industry added more than a thousand new jobs for the second consecutive month. Retail Trade registered close to 1,000 new jobs over-the-month concentrated mainly in eating and drinking establishments. Similarly, State and Local Government also added close to 1,000 new jobs. Although two thirds of these jobs were posted in Area schools, Local Government contributed a modest 200 of these new jobs. The remaining sectors registered modest increases for a combined total of 1,200 new jobs.

Virtually all the payroll jobs gained in the Area were concentrated in the Nonmanufacturing sector. The Manufacturing sector remained fairly stable at 111,500 for the third straight month. Most industries in the sector were virtually unchanged over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment was 734,200 in March 1988, up by 5,000 jobs from the March 1987 total of 729,200. Durable Goods Manufacturing was 58,800, down by 3,000 from the March 1987 total of 61,800, Nondurable Goods Manufacturing was 52,700 up by 900 from the March 1987 total of 51,800, while Nonmanufacturing employment was 622,700, up by 7,100 from the March 1987 level of 615,600. Compared to year ago totals, Durable Goods Manufacturing industries all posted losses. The most substantial loss occurred in Transportation Equipment which fell below March 1987 figures by 2,000, despite a recovery of 3,700 jobs since August 1987. Smaller declines were also recorded over the year in Fabricated Metals, Electronic/Electrical Equipment and Machinery. Despite the poor showing of the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries, Chemicals, Printing and Publishing and Miscellaneous Manufacturing in the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing sector all posted modest gains for a net increase of 900 jobs over the year ago totals.

Despute an overall increase of 7,000 jobs in the Nonmanufacturing sector, performance among the industries was mixed. In comparisons to year ago levels, Construction, Transportation, Communications and Utilities and Wholesale Trade all showed losses. Wholesale Trade had substantial losses of 1,100 jobs in Durable Goods while jobs in Nondurable Goods wholesaling increased by 800 for anet loss of 300 jobs. Transportations, Communications and Utilities recorded a moderate increase in communication, but these gains were overwhelming dwarfed by losses of 500 in trucking and an even larger loss of 800 jobs in air transportation. The total number of jobs lost in the sector fell was 600. Finally, Construction employment fell slightly below the March 1987 total.

The largest number of jobs gained over the 12-month period was in the Services industry, which recorded 3,800 new jobs over the period. These gains were scattered broadly across business recreation, health, building and legal services. Grocery stores, department stores, eating and drinking establishments and nonstore retailing contributed 2,700 more new jobs in the Retail Trade industry. Federal Government jobs scattered across various functions combined with Local Government jobs for an over the year increase of

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1987)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** March, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	734,200	728,900	729,200	+5,300	+5,000
Total Manufacturing	111,500	111,400	113,600	+100	-2,100
Durable Goods	58,800	58,800	61,800	0	-3,000
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,200	3,100	3,300	+100	-100
Primary Metal Industries	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	8,200	8,300	8,600	-100	-400
Machinery Except Electrical	7,900	7,900	8,100	0	-200
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,700	17,700	18,000	0	-300
Transportation Equipment	11,500	11,500	13,500	0	-2,000
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(11,200)	(11,300)	(13,100)	(-100)	(-1,900)
Other Durable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	52,700	52,600	51,800	+100	+900
Food & Kindred Products	8,400	8,400	8,500	0	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,700	2,800	2,700	-100	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	+100
Printing & Publishing	20,700	20,700	20,500	0	+200
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	622,700	617,500	615,600	+5,200	+7,100
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	35,200	34,100	35,300	+1,100	-100
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	55,100	54,800	55,700	+300	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	189,900	188,700	187,500	+1,200	+2,400
Wholesale Trade	(58,000)	(57,700)	(58,300)	(+300)	(-300)
Retail Trade	(131,900)	(131,000)	(129,200)	(+900)	(+2,700)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,200	57,900	57,900	+300	+300
Services	169,900	168,800	166,100	+1,100	+3,800
Government	113,900	112,700	112,600	+1,200	+1,300
Federal Government	(31,700)	(31,400)	(30,900)	(+300)	(+800)
State & Local Government	(82,200)	(81,300)	(81,700)	(+900)	(+500)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	100	0	-100

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1,300 jobs. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate contributed the remaining 300 new jobs recorded over the period.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 39,700 in March 1988 for 4.8 percent of the labor force compared to 44,000 in February 1988 for 5.4 percent of the labor force and 45,700 in March 1987 for 5.5 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The rise in the Area's unemployment rae that had been anticipated to occur in March this year is now expected to occur in April and May. Long anticipated layoffs primarily in the Durable Goods Manufacturing sector may begin in April 1988. These losses in Transportation Equipment and Primary Metals are expected to offset the normal seasonal increases in the Nonmanufacturing sector. The usually anticipated drop in the unemployment rate of as much as half a percentage point will be dampened. Unemployment in April 1988 is expected to be 5.2 percent of the labor force, compared to 5.0 percent in April 1987.

The Area may see another small increase in the unemployment rate in May 1988 as the full effect of layoffs that began in April is felt. Seasonal employment increases in Services, Construction and Retail Trade will offset these losses in Manufacturing. Unemployment is expected to be 5.3 percent of the labor force in May 1988, compared to 5.6 percent in May 1987.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$474.50	$450.74	$462.30	40.8	39.4	40.2	$11.63	$11.44	$11.50
Durable Goods	523.74	492.45	494.08	42.0	40.2	40.3	12.47	12.25	12.26
Lumber & Furniture	274.38	296.30	308.83	34.0	36.4	28.7	8.07	8.14	7.98
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	489.65	411.68	454.05	40.4	33.2	35.5	12.12	12.40	12.79
Primary Metal Industries	477.12	479.40	415.87	38.2	37.6	34.2	12.49	12.75	12.16
Fabricated Metal Products	413.65	406.61	403.35	41.2	40.1	39.7	10.04	10.14	10.16
Machinery Exc. Electrical	447.93	434.16	438.96	43.7	43.2	42.7	10.25	10.05	10.28
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	533.82	544.80	480.36	42.0	42.2	40.4	12.71	12.91	11.89
Transportation Equipment	757.99	641.60	680.10	45.8	40.1	42.4	16.55	16.00	16.04
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(770.96)	(651.64)	(680.00)	(46.0)	(40.2)	(42.4)	(16.76)	(16.21)	(16.25)
Nondurable Goods	413.04	399.25	417.68	39.3	38.5	40.2	10.51	10.37	10.39
Food & Kindred Products	426.58	417.48	416.71	39.1	39.2	39.8	10.91	10.65	10.47
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	203.99	195.82	180.21	34.4	32.8	30.7	5.93	5.97	5.87
Paper & Allied Products	405.32	381.42	413.71	40.9	39.0	40.8	9.91	9.78	10.14
Printing & Publishing	421.74	403.10	457.73	39.6	38.5	41.2	10.65	10.47	11.11
Chemicals & Allied Products	558.99	545.67	530.03	39.2	38.7	42.2	14.26	14.10	12.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	406.66	427.35	426.73	38.4	38.5	37.4	10.59	11.10	11.41

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1988

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 6.9% in February to 6.2% in March. The number of unemployed declined 7,800 and total employment rose 10,400. The March data continued to follow the labor force movements of the past few months. Seasonal movements and moderate manufacturing employment gains along with continued strength in most nonmanufacturing sectors continued to cause the unemployment rate improvement. The gain in non-auto manufacturing jobs is responsible for most of the unemployment rate decline. During the first half of 1987, when manufacturing job levels were stagnant, the area's unemployment rate was 7.0% or higher. During the first quarter of 1987, the rate averaged 7.7%. Manufacturing jobs increased during the last 6 months of 1987 and the first three months of 1988 causing unemployment to decrease during that period from 7.2% in July, 1987 to 6.2% in March, 1988. During the first 3 months of 1988, the average unemployment rate was 6.8%. If these trends continue during the next few months, the St. Louis unemployment rate will drop below 6.0% for the first time during the 1980's. Over the year, unemployment declined 14,900 and total employment rose 9,000. The unemployment rate in March, 1987 was 7.4%. There were less than 50 labor disputants in March and 100 in February, 1988 and March, 1987.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 800 over the month. Seasonal gains were reported in lumber, stone and beverages. Small increases occurred in fabricated metals, nonelectrical machinery, aircraft, paper and printing. Motor vehicle employment declined 100. Over the year, manufacturing employment declined 300. Although motor vehicles lost 4,000 jobs, most manufacturing industries reported increased or stable employment. The largest gains occurred in aircraft, up 1,200. Fabricated metals was up 800 and primary metals added 700 workers. The area's chemical industry continued to report job losses, down 300 from March, 1987.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 8,900 over the month. Improving weather caused seasonal gains in construction, employment rose 8,900 over the month. Improving weather caused seasonal gains in construction, transportation, trade and services. Construction employment rose 2,900 as the spring weather allowed construction activity to increase. Transportation gains were concentrated in trucking. In retail trade, seasonal increases occurred in home improvement stores and restaurants. The service industry reported travel season preparation gains in hotels and recreation. Business and medical services registered continued improvement. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 17,400. Construction employment was up over year ago levels for the first time in 1988. Railroads, public utilities and the federal government were the only three nonmanufacturing industries that reported losses. Significant gains continued to be recorded in services, trade, local government and non-rail transportation.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in April, 1988 is expected to be 5.9%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Dec.	Jan. '88	Feb.	Mar.
Mining	20	43	46	37
Construction	2397	4434	5531	3991
Manufacturing	5019	7615	6019	4843
Public Utilities	575	551	646	560
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2553	2275	2624	2535
Finance	581	484	553	587
Services	3278	3793	5025	5158
All Other	401	369	401	318
TOTAL	14824	19564	20845	18029

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Dec.	Jan. '88	Feb.	Mar.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1088	912	1145	1206
Clerical	1391	1242	1553	1633
Sales	346	324	404	392
Farm, Fish & Forest	115	146	180	139
Processing	154	154	186	160
Machine Trades	727	811	903	872
Bench Work	570	643	725	689
Structural Work	2138	3081	1614	2475
Misc. Work	1258	1321	1614	1447
Service	1205	1211	1399	1402
INA	5832	9719	9779	7614
TOTAL	14824	19564	20845	18029

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1988 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	**Openings Received Percent**	**Openings Filled Percent**
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.4	1.7
Clerical	17.7	11.7
Sales	17.5	21.7
Processing	2.0	2.8
Machine Trades	5.0	5.1
Bench Work	5.7	7.5
Structural Work	7.3	8.1
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.8	3.3
Packaging & Material Handling	8.6	11.5
Domestic	0.7	0.3
Other Services	22.7	21.8
Other Occupations	3.6	4.5

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** March, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,124,400	1,114,700	1,107,300	+9,700	+17,100
Percent Change				+(0.9)	+(1.5)
Manufacturing	218,900	218,100	219,200	+800	-300
Durable Goods	137,300	136,700	137,400	+600	-100
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,700	4,700	+100	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,300	3,100	3,300	+200	0
Primary Metal Industries	14,200	14,200	13,500	0	+700
Fabricated Metal Products	16,700	16,600	15,900	+100	+800
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,000	17,900	17,500	+100	+500
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,500	14,500	14,200	0	+300
Transportation Equipment	53,200	53,100	56,200	+100	-3,000
Motor Vehicles	16,100	16,200	20,100	-100	-4,000
Aircraft & Parts	31,200	31,000	30,000	+200	+1,200
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,600	12,600	12,100	0	+500
Nondurable Goods	81,600	81,400	81,800	+200	-200
Food & Kindred Products	21,700	21,700	21,700	0	0
Meat Products	800	800	800	0	0
Beverages	8,700	8,600	8,600	+100	+100
Textiles & Apparel	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,700	6,000	+100	-200
Printing & Publishing	16,800	16,700	16,800	+100	0
Chemical & Allied Products	18,100	18,100	18,400	0	-300
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,800	4,800	4,400	0	+400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	+100
Nonmanufacturing	905,500	896,600	888,100	+8,900	+17,400
Mining	3,500	3,400	3,500	+100	0
Construction	53,500	50,600	53,300	+2,900	+200
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,800	73,500	72,200	+300	+1,600
Railroads	4,900	4,900	5,200	0	-300
Transportation, Except Railroads	40,600	40,200	38,600	+400	+2,000
Communications & Public Utilities	28,300	28,400	28,400	-100	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	271,700	270,500	267,600	+1,200	+4,100
Wholesale Trade	68,400	68,400	66,900	0	+1,500
Retail Trade	203,300	202,100	200,700	+1,200	+2,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	73,300	73,300	73,000	0	+300
Service, Except Domestic	287,000	283,700	277,400	+3,300	+9,600
Total Government	142,700	141,600	141,100	+1,100	+1,600
Total Federal Government	36,500	36,400	37,100	+100	-600
Total State & Local Government	106,200	105,200	104,000	+1,000	+2,200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	100	100	-100	-100

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$484.38	$477.65	$475.04	41.4	41.0	41.2	$11.70	$11.65	$11.53
Durable Goods	502.85	495.19	499.03	41.8	41.3	41.9	12.03	11.99	11.91
Lumber & Furniture	368.04	337.94	337.31	40.4	37.3	38.2	9.11	9.06	8.83
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	449.28	396.98	458.38	39.0	35.7	41.0	11.52	11.12	11.18
Primary Metal Industries	501.25	488.46	466.84	43.1	42.0	44.0	11.63	11.63	10.61
Fabricated Metal Products	450.32	456.62	450.53	41.2	41.7	41.6	10.93	10.95	10.83
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	485.07	467.58	478.47	42.7	42.2	41.0	11.36	11.08	11.67
Elect & Electronic Equip.	420.42	413.65	394.42	42.0	41.2	39.6	10.01	10.04	9.96
Transportation Equipment	628.73	623.93	628.28	42.8	42.3	43.6	14.69	14.75	14.41
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	328.24	321.53	307.26	37.3	37.3	37.7	8.80	8.62	8.15
Nondurable Goods	449.85	445.50	430.52	40.6	40.5	39.9	11.08	11.00	10.79
Food & Kindred Products	510.47	491.67	506.75	41.3	40.6	40.9	12.36	12.11	12.39
Textiles & Apparel	236.89	241.52	208.96	36.5	37.1	32.0	6.49	6.51	6.53
Paper & Paper Products	457.74	458.11	473.20	42.9	43.3	45.5	10.67	10.58	10.40
Printing & Publishing	429.24	424.27	409.26	39.2	38.5	38.0	10.95	11.02	10.77
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	582.03	579.82	511.21	43.5	43.4	41.8	13.38	13.36	12.23
Petroleum & Coal Products	641.91	641.91	611.05	41.9	41.9	40.9	15.32	15.32	14.94
Leather & Leather Products	236.50	243.89	262.48	37.9	39.4	43.1	6.24	6.19	6.09
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

March, 1988

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield SMSA labor force rose 800 from February to reach 122,700 in March. The area unemployment rate dropped six-tenths of a percentage point, falling from 4.5 to 3.9 percent. The number of persons unemployed in March amounted to 4,800, 700 fewer than in February. This substantial drop reflects both seasonal and economic influences.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment moved upward 1,500 from February to reach 111,500 in March. Both sectors, manufacturing and nonmanufacturing, posted employment gains during the 30-day period. Manufacturing employment, estimated at 21,100 for March, was up 100 from February. This gain resulted from an accumulation of small increases in several durable goods manufacturing industries. Nonmanufacturing jobs rose 1,400 from February to 90,400 in March. Nonmanufacturing gains include: construction (+500) services (+500) and trade (+200).

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers decreased from $8.53 in February to $8.50 in March. Average weekly hours worked rose six-tenths of an hour from February to reach 39.6 hours in March. During March, 1987, average hourly wages amounted to $8.70 and the average factory work week came to 39.5 hours.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to show a moderate increase during April. Manufacturing jobs should remain fairly stable while seasonal influences boost employment in construction, trade and services. The rate of unemployment should drop about two-tenths of a percentage point in April.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** March, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	111,500	110,000	106,000	+1,500	+5,500
Manufacturing	21,100	21,000	19,300	-100	+1,800
Durable Goods	11,800	11,800	10,500	0	+1,300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,200	1,100	1,100	+100	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,400	+100	+1,200
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	8,800	+100	+500
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,800	1,800	-100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,600	3,200	+100	+600
Nonmanufacturing	90,400	89,000	86,700	+1,400	+3,700
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	5,200	4,700	4,500	+500	+700
Transportation & Utilities	7,200	7,000	6,800	+200	+400
Trade	30,900	30,700	30,000	+200	+900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Services	28,200	27,700	26,800	+500	+1,400
Government	14,100	14,100	13,700	0	400
Federal	1,800	1,900	1,800	-100	0
State and Local	12,300	12,200	11,900	+100	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	400	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$336.60	$332.67	$343.65	39.6	39.0	39.5	$8.50	$8.53	$8.70
Durable Goods	329.08	325.70	337.11	39.6	39.1	39.8	8.31	8.33	8.47
Nondurable Goods	348.08	342.99	351.27	39.6	38.8	38.9	8.79	8.84	9.03
Food & Kindred Products	356.06	356.06	358.90	39.3	39.3	38.1	9.06	9.06	9.42
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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